

*THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME
TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE.*

MARK 10:45



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH • OCTOBER 17, 2021

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MASS TIMES

Cardinal DiNardo, has granted us permission to have public Masses. There is no obligation to attend Mass in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 9 AM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY | 6:45 PM

WEDNESDAY | 6 AM

SATURDAY | 10 AM & 5 PM

SUNDAY | 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM,
1 PM Español & 6 PM

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Whether it has been 10 years, or 10 months or 10 days, God is waiting for you. Come experience the mercy of a father who loves and forgives you.

Confession is an act of honesty and courage, an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. - St. John Paul II

WEDNESDAY | 6 - 8 PM English

SATURDAY | 8 - 10 AM English & Español

ADORATION CHAPEL

All are welcome to visit Christ in the chapel. It is open :

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 7:30 AM-10 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available by scheduling an appointment. Contact : sdewlen@ap.church



WAYS TO GIVE



Give Online at
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Text **PADUA**
to **77977**



Give through
General Offertory

SEPT. 20TH - SEPT. 26TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 58,582.56
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 4,482.54
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 3,651.50
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	\$ 739.44
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 737.00

TOTAL | \$ 68,193.04 *Includes Online Giving

SEPT. 27TH - OCT. 3RD GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 99,976.61
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 8,986.14
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 4,743.50
US DISASTER RECOVERY	\$ 3,718.52
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 3,284.95

TOTAL | \$ 120,709.72 *Includes Online Giving

OCT. 4TH - OCT. 10TH GIVING

OFFERTORY*	\$ 71,530.58
ST. ANTHONY'S BREAD	\$ 5,620.94
SVDP LOCAL	\$ 3,514.50
PROPAGATION OF FAITH	\$ 2,111.44
OTHER FUNDS	\$ 6,289.00

TOTAL | \$ 89,066.46 *Includes Online Giving

IRA ROLLOVER GIFT OPTIONS

Are IRA rollover gifts an option for giving to St. Anthony of Padua?

If you are 70½ or older, the IRA rollover is a great way for you to make a gift to support the Horizon Campaign. IRA rollover gifts can make a huge difference. These gifts will help sustain us in our important work to strengthen our community. For more information on making an IRA Rollover gift to the campaign, contact Michael Schillaci at 713-652-4418 or email mschillaci@archgh.org. The IRA rollover is now permanent, and its key provisions are:

- The IRA rollover allows donors 70½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA on an annual basis.
- An IRA rollover gift is a tax-exempt distribution. Qualifying individuals can make charitable gifts using pre-tax IRA assets rather than taking a distribution, paying income taxes and using after-tax assets to make a charitable gift.
- An IRA rollover gift can be used to meet all or part of an IRA's annual required minimum distribution.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

BIRTHDAY: January 8, 1894

BIRTHPLACE: Zduńska Wola, Poland

DIED: August 14, 1941

FEAST DAY: August 14th

A fervent devotee to Mary. A master of new media. A pure, sacrificial soul. The brave Franciscan friar and eventual martyr St. Maximilian Kolbe was a man with a soldier's heart, dedicating his life to fight in a spiritual war for souls.

He accomplished a great deal in his 47 years alive - organizing the Militia Immaculata (Army of the Immaculate One), creating a monthly periodical titled "Rycerz Niepokalanej" (Knight of the Immaculate), founding monasteries across the world, and essentially building an entire city in Poland. He is a well-known saint for his heroic sacrifice in Auschwitz, volunteering to die in the place of a stranger in the German death camp, but there is much to learn from his life, starting at a very young age.

Raymund Kolbe was born on January 8th, 1894 in Zduńska-Wola, Poland. One of five boys born to his parents, Julius Kolbe and Maria Dabrowska, he witnessed the effects of Poland's political disunity at a young age, while growing in devotion to Jesus through Mary from the influence of his virtuous mother – who taught him to pray the Rosary, Angelus and other Marian prayers.

These daily recitations couldn't subdue Raymund's mischievous nature though, with the young child drawing the ire of his mother one day in 1906. "I don't know what's going to become of you," she said, shaking the disobedient youth to his core. He tearfully presented himself to Lord at his usual place of prayer, where he had a vision of the Virgin Mary. He described the incident:

"That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

Following this vision, his days as a troublesome youth were over, with Raymund and his older brother Francis joining the Conventual Franciscans the very next year. They were enrolled at a seminary in Lwow, with Raymund entering the novitiate on September 4th, 1910, where he was given the new name Maximilian. He briefly left the Order, with his Polish patriotism and love of Mary leading him to attempt to join the military forces in defense of Poland. God would soon make it clear that his mission was meant to be fought on the spiritual battlefield, and not a military one, and Friar Maximilian soon returned to the Order.

He was sent to Rome in 1912 to further his theological studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University, earning a doctorate in philosophy in 1915 and another in theology a few years later. His dedication to Mary persisted throughout his time in Rome, where as a student, he witnessed vehement demonstrations against the Pope and the Catholic Church as a whole. With numerous Freemason pamphlets being distributed and other forms of media

going out to shamefully attack the Holy Father, Kolbe knew something had to be done.

On October 16th, 1917, Kolbe, along with six other friars, joined together to form the "Militia Immaculatae" (Army of the Immaculate One) to work for the conversion of all enemies of the Catholic Church. They consecrated themselves totally to the Immaculata and begin planning how to bring conversion to the Freemasons and beyond.

Kolbe was officially ordained as a priest in 1918, and he returned home to Poland the following year to continue his work of promoting Mary throughout the newly independent country. He was appointed to serve as a professor at the Franciscan seminaries near Kraków, but a severe bout of tuberculosis, which also ailed Kolbe while in Rome, derailed those plans. He was forced to take a lengthy leave of absence from teaching, but while his physical body ailed greatly from this sickness, Kolbe's zeal for souls never diminished.

Not long after returning to Poland, Kolbe desired to start a Catholic newspaper, but lacked the funds. However, he had faith in Mary's providence, and after praying for her intercession, he was able to collect enough donations to purchase an old printing press. After another spell of tuberculosis, Kolbe moved to a small friary in Grodno, where he operated a religious publishing press until 1926. Most notably, he founded a monthly periodical titled "Rycerz Niepokalanej" (Knight of the Immaculate) as a devotional publication to the Virgin Mary. Kolbe had seen how the enemies of the Church had utilized the media to spread hate – he knew he had the opportunity to utilize the same mediums of communication to instead spread Christ's love, and this endeavor would change Kolbe's life forever.

The magazine began circulating widely around the country, with a daily newspaper, *Maly Dziennik*, also growing in popularity. At its peak, the Knight of the Immaculate was reported to have a press run of 750,000 copies printed a month. Soon, the growing number of subscribers forced Kolbe's printing apostolate to start looking for a larger area to continue their missionary media efforts. At the same time, a Polish Prince Jan Drucko-Lubecki was selling a large plot of land outside of Warsaw, right by a railway. When Kolbe went to negotiate with the Prince in June of 1927, he brought with him a statue of the Virgin Mary. The negotiations reached a standstill, due to Kolbe not having the amount of money the Prince was asking for the land. The Prince was willing to reduce the price if the Order would offer perpetual Mass for him and his descendants, but when the Order refused, Kolbe departed, but left the statue on the property.

When the Prince eventually told Kolbe to come collect the large statue, Kolbe merely responded with a request to let the statue remain there for awhile. After some time had passed, with the Prince constantly gazing upon the statue throughout the day, he came to realize that he was depriving the Virgin Mary of her rightful honor, and reached out to Fr. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, who he realized was a true ambassador of the Blessed Mother, to agree to his terms and sell the land.

Twenty-two friars would be the founding residents of Niepokalanów, the City of the Immaculate. It was consecrated on December 8th, 1927, with a junior seminary starting in 1929, leading hundreds of men to flock to the area in pursuit of a radically Marian life. At one point, the monastery housed almost eight hundred people, not all priests or friars, but simply men dedicated to heroic lives of poverty, prayer, and sanctity. The city quickly became a major religious printing center, with Kolbe repeatedly pointing out that success was not measured in constructing more buildings or adding more printing presses; instead, it was found in the daily deepening of one's love for the Immaculate.

This love was further put into action by Kolbe when from 1930 to 1936, he traveled to Nagasaki, Japan alongside four other friars, in hopes of starting a mission there. His missionary heart had no bounds, and despite many barriers of language, opposition from local authorities and lack of finances, they were able to publish the Japanese version of their magazine, titled "Seibo no Kishi" as well as establish a new City of the Immaculate, named "Mugenzai no Sono", or "Garden of the Immaculate." Most notable about this monastery was that Kolbe prayerfully built it on a side of a mountain that he was advised against, due to Shinto beliefs viewing it as the side "not in tune with nature." When the atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki in 1945, the monastery was untouched from the blast by the other side of the mountain, which bore the brunt of the explosion. Had he built the monastery on the preferred side, it would not still be standing to this day.

Kolbe would become the superior at Mugenzai no Sono one year after their arrival to Japan, with the Japanese version of The Knight surging to 50,000 subscribers by 1933. However, health issues continued to assail Kolbe, and after a brief trip to Malabar, India in an attempt to open another monastery, he returned to Poland in 1936. By this time, Niepokalanów had an airport, medical facilities, and even its own fire brigade. In 1938, Kolbe also held an amateur radio license and started a radio station, Radio Niepokalanów, to continue to use modern media to spread the word of God. He hoped to one day build a motion picture studio, but those plans were halted in 1939, when during WWII, the Nazis occupied Poland.

Kolbe was one of the few friars who remained at the monastery, which had been converted to a temporary hospital, when the Nazis raided Niepokalanów. Kolbe was arrested on September 19th, 1939, but released on December 8th. He refused to sign the Deutsche Volksliste, a Nazi institution translated to "German People's List" which would have given him rights similar to those of German citizens, in exchange for recognizing his ethnic German ancestry. Instead, he returned to the ransacked monastery, undeterred, to continue his missionary work.

The monastery would become a safe haven for refugees and displaced families, with Kolbe helping hide 3,000 Polish refugees, two-thirds being Jewish, from the Nazis. They also continued their publication work, including many materials that were critical of the Nazi party.

On February 17th, 1941, the monastery was officially shut down, and Kolbe was arrested by the Gestapo alongside four others. They were imprisoned in the Pawiak prison, located in Warsaw, before being transferred to Auschwitz on May 28th, as prisoner 16670.

Upon his arrest, Saint Maximilian said, "Courage, my sons. Don't you see that we are leaving on a mission? They pay our fare in the bargain. What a piece of good luck! The thing to do now is to pray well in order to win as many souls as possible."

Kolbe continued to act as a priest while in Auschwitz, despite being subject to violent harassment for doing so. He received numerous beatings and lashings but continued to minister to all those around him in the dark, heartless prison. At one point he was beaten so badly, the prisoners had to smuggle him into the camp hospital, where he heard confessions as he recovered. It is said that Kolbe would conduct Mass within the prison, using smuggled bread and wine, and would step aside from the food line to allow others to eat, despite the rations being pitiful to begin with. He was unflinching in the midst of incredible harshness, and maintained the gentleness of Christ at all times, pleading with his fellow prisoners to mercifully forgive their persecutors.

At the end of July 1941, a prisoner escaped from the camp. Nazi camp protocol required that ten men be killed in retribution for every one that escapes, prompting the Nazi commander to pick the ten souls to be slaughtered. Francis Gajowniczek, a married man with young children was chosen as one of the ten, and when selected he cried "'My wife! My children!" When Fr. Maximilian Mary Kolbe heard his anguished cries, he stepped forward. "What does this Polish pig want?" the Nazi commander asked, to which Kolbe replied that he was a Catholic priest wishing to take Gajowniczek's place. Astonished, the commander granted the request, and Kolbe was led off to the starvation chamber.

According to an eyewitness from the prison, an assistant janitor within Auschwitz, what happened next was beyond comprehension. Inside the prison cell, Kolbe led the prisoners in prayer each day. Whenever the guards would check on the condemned men, he was calmly standing or kneeling in the middle of the cell. Two terrible weeks of starvation and water deprivation followed, with Kolbe hearing the whispered prayers of his fellow prisoners as they passed away, leaving only him alive in the cell. The guards, wanting the bunker emptied for more future cruelty, decided Kolbe's time was up.

Kolbe was given a lethal injection of carbolic acid. Some eyewitnesses at the injection say that he calmly raised his left arm up, offering his arm to the executioner. He died on August 14th, 1941, and his remains were cremated on August 15th, the feast day of the Assumption of Mary.

He is the patron saint of journalists, media communications, the pro-life movement, recovering drug addicts, political prisoners, and families. At his canonization, JPII called Kolbe "the "patron for our difficult century." In the midst of another difficult century, let us look to Kolbe's devotion to Mary, his ability to embrace modern technology to spread God's love, and his heroic sacrifice in the face of evil to inspire us forward in our heavenly journey.



AROUND THE PARISH

STAOP CATHOLIC SCHOOL



St. Anthony of Padua
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Founded in 2001, recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2012, and distinguished as an Archdiocesan S.T.R.E.A.M. Syn-

ergy school in 2019, our parish school serves students in Pre-K3 through 8th Grade. For more information about our school please visit: **AP. SCHOOL** or visit us on Facebook or Instagram @apschooltx.

FALL PREVIEW – PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

If you are interested in learning more about our school community for the 2022-2023 school year, please join us for our Fall Preview on **Thur., Nov. 4th at 8:30 AM**. During our Fall Preview, prospective parents will observe what a typical morning is like here at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School. Our morning will begin with reception and a welcome from our Principal, followed by a guided tour of our school. **Please RSVP for each guest at: ap.school/fallpreview**

JOB OPENING

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church is seeking a part-time facilities technician. This person will provide support for groups meeting on campus. This support includes setting up tables and chairs and other items needed for events. This person will also assist with minor maintenance of buildings and grounds and will be responsible for opening and locking the facilities. No previous facilities experience is required.

- Applicants must be over the age of 18;
- Must be able to lift 40 pounds;
- Must be able to push and pull heavy carts;
- Can work in a standing position;
- Can work outdoors.
- Weekday evening shifts and weekend shifts are rotated with other technicians.

Send letter of interest to jbrown@ap.church.

ST. JOHN PAUL II RELIC

**Veneration of a First-Class Relic of St. John Paul II
Friday, October 22, 2021 • 3:00 PM Daily Mass
St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish • Spring, Texas**



Celebrate the feast day of St. John Paul II with the opportunity for veneration of a first-class relic of his blood. This

relic is being brought to St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish from the St. John Paul II Foundation, who received it as a gift from His Eminence, Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz, who was personal secretary for St. John Paul II.

It will be a perfect opportunity to honor this great saint and pray for his intercession, especially for the married couples, medical professionals, and clergy that the St. John Paul II Foundation serves through their mission for life and family!



BEYOND THE BULLETIN

Guess who's back, back again. Beyond the Bulletin is back, tell a friend!

When Covid-19 shutdown public Masses and parish activities, our beloved podcast sadly also fell victim to the pandemic. But after a long hiatus, we're back and better than ever. Join Nate Hoffman and Michael Gormley as they turn the page on Beyond the Bulletin and talk about the new direction and purpose of our parish podcast!

Listen at beyondthebulletin.church, or on your favorite podcast app!

LITURGY & PRAYER

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

ALL SAINTS DAY • NOVEMBER 1ST

9AM (English) • **12PM** (English) • **6:45PM** (Spanish)

ALL SOULS DAY • NOVEMBER 2ND

9AM (English) • **12PM** (English) • **6:45PM** (Spanish)

Beginning Saturday, October 16th, The Book of the Names of the Dead will be near the Pascal Candle at the Baptismal font. We invite you to write the names of your loved ones in that book at anytime before the November 2nd 9 AM Mass.

Prior to mass you will have the opportunity to write your loved ones names on a card to be presented at the Preparation of the Gifts Candles will be lit for and remain burning for one week. We hope you can join us in prayer.

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Church teaches that whatever is set aside for use in liturgy takes on "a certain sacred character both by the blessing it receives, and the sacred function it fulfills." Thus, the cloths used at the altar in the course of the Holy Mass need to be treated with care and due reverence. If you are interested in assisting with the cleaning and care of our beautiful altar linens, **contact Rocio Magallanes: romagallanes@icloud.com**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The mission of 40 Days for Life is a focused campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. Join us for a STAOP Prayer Vigil for Life

WHEN? Tuesdays from 10:15-11:15 AM

DATES: October 19 and 26

WHERE? Planned Parenthood, 4747 Louetta Rd., Spring

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

El próximo fin de semana celebraremos el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. El Papa Francisco invita a toda la Iglesia a apoyar a las diócesis en África, Asia, las Islas del Pacífico y partes de América Latina y Europa, donde sacerdotes, líderes religiosos y líderes laicos sirven a las comunidades más vulnerables del mundo. Por favor sigan orando por las misiones del Papa y sean generosos en la colecta de la semana entrante para la Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe.

FIRST FRIDAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021 • ~ 9:45 AM

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque (1647-1690), a French nun in the Visitation Order, and gave her the special task to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart at a time when religion was growing cold in the hearts of mankind.

FIRST SATURDAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

The Communal First Saturday provides a way of fulfilling Our Lady of Fatima's request for the First Saturdays and thereby helping bring about world peace and the salvation of souls. For the schedule of the morning, please visit ap.church/events

OUTREACH & ORGANIZATIONS

COMPUTER DONATIONS

Catholic Daughters (CDA) and Junior Catholic Daughters (JCDA) are partnering with Children's Books on Wheels, the Society of Samaritans, and after school tutoring programs for students and families in lower income communities by hosting a computer drive to collect computers you no longer need.

The HP Refresh Program allows you to donate your unwanted computers to help these community services with remote schoolwork, homework, and job assistance programs.

Just bring your old computer by St Theresa Center from 8:30 AM - 11 AM on Nov. 14. We will take them and wipe them clean with an HP program. If you would prefer, we can provide the program for you to do it yourself. You can also contact us at cdacourt2699@gmail.com for more information or a different drop off time.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

American Heritage Girls' Troop is made up of girls aged 5-18 who meet together to enjoy learning new skills, giving service, growing in their faith, practicing leadership, experiencing teamwork, building friendships and strengthening character. We provide opportunities for the girls to earn merit badges, sports pins, religious awards, and service stars. ahgtx1180.trooptrack.com

AL ANON

All family members or friends who have been, or are being affected by someone else's alcoholism or addiction are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, you can contact Joe at 713-252-7623 or Debbie at 407-221-7038. All inquiries and attendance are strictly confidential. **All are welcome on Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM in the St Teresa Center Room 120.**

SCOUT SLAM BREAKFAST

SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 7TH

Join the Scouts for breakfast after the 7,9, and 11 AM Masses in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a plate with fluffy buttermilk pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon strips and sausage links. \$5 per person \$20 per family.

ADVENT WREATH SALE

SATURDAY/SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 13/14

The Ladies Auxiliary will sell Advent Wreaths the weekend of November 13/14 in the Fellowship Hall. The wreaths are decorated by our members and are complete with a set of Advent Candles for \$25.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Circle of Friends is open to all adults who are single, widowed, divorced or separated. People from any Parish and Faith are invited to participate in Ministry Activities. Please visit our webpage at ap.church/cof for details on more Events.

SENIOR PALS

Anyone 50+ is invited to join our community! We host a multitude of events every month! There is a monthly meeting, trips, luncheons, and other activities to participate in. For more information, call **Joan Sabino at 281-298-6683**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 12327 is for Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. It is through these five service areas – Faith, Community, Family, Youth and Fellowship – that we truly make a difference. **Visit : kofc12327.org**

ADULT FAITH & SACRAMENTS

ACTS DISCERNMENT

We are pleased to announce that we will have our next **ACTS Retreat for Women in English, March 3-6, 2022.**

Thinking about teaming this year? Discernment meetings are Tuesday October 19th and October 26th from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Paduan Center (AMR).

Join us and enjoy visiting with your ACTS sisters, pray, "break bread", meet the leadership team, learn about the retreat theme, sing, reflect, listen to various ways you can participate, and then decide if you are being called by the Holy Spirit to team on this retreat.

We look forward to seeing everyone! If you have any questions, feel free to email us at **acts.2022.staop@gmail.com** or call us.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian? Do you want to follow Jesus Christ for the rest of your life? This is the first step in a lifelong journey of discipleship! This is the Catholic Church's process to bring people, through study, spiritual growth and community, into the heart of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Formally, it is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which is our formation process for adults who desire to follow Jesus Christ and be a member of His Catholic Church. We have various classes and programs and we would love to talk to you about what program would be the best fit for you.

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

- Those who have never been baptized.
- Those baptized in another Christian faith tradition

Those who are interested in learning more about Catholicism and interested in Converting, Please email Mary Batey at **mbatey@ap.church**.

RETIRO DE ACTS

**Retiro de ACTS para Mujeres en Español
Noviembre 11-14, 2021**

Un retiro de ACTS es una actividad parroquial que ofrece a sus feligreses la experiencia de un encuentro con el amor de Jesucristo. Esto a su vez fomenta el deseo del discipulado. El retiro de ACTS es dirigido por miembros de la parroquia y llevado a sus mismos feligreses.

El retiro inicia el jueves por la tarde y termina con la misa del domingo en la parroquia. Utilizando oración, servicio y enseñanza, el retiro de ACTS toma lugar en el camino espiritual donde se encuentra cada participante. A través de los cuatro pilares del apostolado, adoración, comunidad, teología y servicio, se les invita a los participantes a que consideren por medio de la oración, como corresponder a su infinito amor y rendirse por completo a Jesús con la finalidad de experimentar una nueva vida con El.

Para registrarse visite **ap.church/retreats**. El costo del retiro es \$225.

EL CAMINO

El Camino es un grupo donde poder redescubrir, crecer y fortalecer tu Fe en un ambiente amigable, respetuoso y sin presiones, que responde a la Nueva Evangelización a la que estamos invitados.

¡con un programa totalmente dinámico y actual, especialmente diseñado para ti! Este año estudiaremos el programa:

"PARA QUE TODOS TE CONOZCAN: INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA"

- Curso Gratuito. Todos los jueves de 6-8:30 PM
- Cada mes: 3 reuniones vía Zoom, y 1 reunión presencial en el AMR de St Anthony of Padua.
- A partir del 9/Septiembre/2021 (Zoom)

El Camino siempre tiene abiertas sus puertas para ti! **elcaminostaop@outlook.com**

ADULT FORMATION

CORNERSTONE

This year we will be studying the The Book of Genesis: Creation & Covenants! We strive to help you build, strengthen and deepen a personal and loving relationship with God and His people through prayer and the study of His Word.

The CCSS meets the needs of both those studying the Bible for the first time and those with previous Bible Study experience. The study is comprised of: questions, small groups, lecture and written commentary which are full of enrichment, fellowship and spiritual fulfillment.

Join us either on :

- **Mondays from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**
- **Wednesday from 9:45 AM - 12:00 PM**

For more information: ap.church/aff

THE GREAT ADVENTURE

The heart of The Great Adventure is The Bible Timeline™ Learning System. The Bible Timeline™ Learning System ties all of Scripture together by following God's "family plan"... from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. With its unique color-coded system, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. A Life-Changing Approach to Scripture!

This semester we will have different classes offered morning, afternoon, and evening. :

For more information: ap.church/aff

PRAYER SERIES

What is prayer and how do I do it? This may seem like a rather simple question, but there is much to unpack here. Join Deacon Rick Vogel for his series that goes deeper on this question.

The one hour classes will be on Mondays, at 8 AM in PLB 205. We will meet each Monday through the end of the year, with a few exceptions. There is no registration or fees. For more information: ap.church/aff

YOUNG ADULTS

Are you a young adult in your 20s or 30s? Do you desire to meet other young adults? Do you desire to grow in your faith? Then come join us! We are re-starting the St. Anthony's Young Adult Group, and we'd love to have you. For info, contact Betsy Cole at youngadult@ap.church about our upcoming events.

ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY

St. Anne's Society encourages all women blessed with the gift of motherhood to fulfill their vocation with the dignity, humility, and love of St. Anne. To join St. Anne's Society for the 2021-2022 year visit : ap.church/aff

Your registration includes:

- Meetings monthly (Sept – May) covering a variety of topics. Our general meetings will be held IN PERSON in the evening, (no childcare at this time), with a Zoom option for those viewing at home.
- Our monthly speakers to include local & nationally known individuals.
- Monthly bible studies, mass & mixers, play dates, and fellowship opportunities for you and your family.
- Invitations to monthly and annual SAS events & service opportunities.
- An opportunity to attend our annual women's retreat taking place at Carolina Creek Retreat Center.
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WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? Are you searching for something more in your life?

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CALENDARIO

Lunes from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in PLB Room 202. El curso comienza Sept 13, 2021 y termina Mayo 2nd, 2022.

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ST. MONICA'S SOCIETY

St. Monica's Society is for mothers of school age children. They share the joys and struggles of motherhood and learn more about how to apply their faith to their vocation. St. Monica's Society holds weekly Friday Meetings at noon.

This semester we will be studying the book *Blessed, Beautiful, & Bodacious* by Pat Gohn. For more information and to register. Contact Katie at mrsgreen.katie@gmail.com or Meg at mmv0818@comcast.net

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